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Teddy is becoming tame. It may be that an inkling of good sense has at last taken refuge in his brain.

Clayton merchants are enjoying a heavy holiday trade. When people spend money for gifts it is a sure sign that the country is in a prosperous condition.

And the republicans are still up in the air looking for a senatorial candidate. Catron is regarded as impossible because of his worthlessness to the state during the present term and his unsavory reputation during the past years.

E. E. Plank, formerly of Arnett, late of Lawrence, Kansas, has purchased the Clayton, New Mexico, Citizen, a republican paper of Union county. Charley Suthers, formerly of this city, is running the democratic paper there and they are both old Ellis county boys. We imagine the fur will fly in a heated campaign between them. The Monitor wishes both of them success.—Shattuck (Okla.) Monitor.

The latest is that Secundino Romero is casting covetous eyes in the direction of the state land commissioners. It is supposed, insofar as the republicans are concerned, that R. P. (Bob) Ervien had a mortgage on that job. However, if Sec. wants it, Mr. Ervien might as well fold his tent and come back home to Clayton where his friends are truer and more numerous than in Santa Fe.

The "jimmy" has hopes—in fact, hope springs eternal in the "jimmy" breast. The "jimmy" is supposed to be an instrument of varied possibilities—that is what makes it so popular with politicians who can't be elected by and through the votes of the people. The voters of Union county have a distinct remembrance of the "jimmy"—they remember that it disfranchised and misrepresented them. Their proper resentment will be shown in the next election.

Ed Plank, formerly of Arnett, Oklahoma, has taken charge of the editorial policy of the Clayton Citizen and that sheet in the future will be the bulwark of republicanism of Union county. We are glad the Citizen has at last found a home. A republican sheet can do some business in this county. Those of that faith in the county can support a sheet. It will not be necessary for it to wobble. It can be an untrifled exponent of republican principles and get along better than it has under past administration of affairs. And the democratic press of the county will be glad to note that at last the Citizen can be classified. Mr. Plank bears the reputation of being an able newspaper man. One thing can be said to his favor. He is nailing his colors to the masthead. The question of whether the Citizen is an anarchistic, socialist, democrat-republican sheet will not be raised during Mr. Plank's incumbency.—Des Moines Swastika.

Truth Would be Better

A few members of the partisan republican press are having a jolly time trying to create an impression of hard times. Last week we noticed a stale looking cartoon, very badly drawn, in a local republican sheet, that depicted the American farmer as a very downtrodden individual and on the verge of starvation. Of course, in the hired opinion of the pessimistic artist, the awful condition of the bone and sinew of the country had been brought about by "democratic inefficiency" and a well defined desire on the part of President Wilson and the administration to force the country to the eternal bow wows and all blow up together. This cartoon reminded us of the one that the republican party used so extensively in New Mexico during the election of 1911, in which Congressman Ferguson was shown in the act of murdering an innocent

lamb. The impression sought to be created was that democratic success meant the destruction of the sheep and wool industry. The democrats were successful and ever since the sheep and wool industry has enjoyed the greatest prosperity in its history. During 1912 our republican brethren told us in a tremulous voice that democratic success meant disaster for every industry of the country. The democrats were successful in the election and during the Wilson administration the country has enjoyed more real prosperity than it has for forty years past. Just how the republicans are going to make the people believe such misrepresentation does not appear. It appears to us that a little truth would stand a better chance of a respectable hearing.

President Wilson's Prophecy

President Wilson told members of the democratic national committee a week ago today that the republican party has no possible issue for the next campaign except that of the tariff, and that the democrats will win.

The republicans will say, and have said, of course, that it is natural for Mr. Wilson to talk like this, and perhaps it is; but that does not in the least alter the fact that his prognostications are based on indicative circumstances which lend every air of probability to their verification.

Republicanism has been floundering around for quite a while now in an effort to find effective campaign material, and at this time is apparently further from discovering it than in the beginning. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and Mr. Wilson's administration is a stumbling block in the path of republican ambition. The tariff measures of the democrats, as the president has said, constitute about the only ground on which the opposition can stand, and even then it is extremely improbable that the people of the United States can be made to believe that their investment in a democratic regime was an unwise one.

It looks like the die is cast and that no human agency will be able to prevent a continuation of Mr. Wilson's administration for four years more.—Albuquerque Herald.

PI LINES

(Garnered hither and yon by Mephistopheles, Hell box custodian for The News.)

A tip to officers: Urton probably contemplated a warmer climate—he left without his hat or coat.

It might be well to send the reward cards to barber shops too, as we understand John needed a shave and had a scar on his cheek.

There was a circle around the moon and the weather man said it would but it didn't snow.

Residents of the southeast part of town complain about the absence of electric lights. They say all the cats come there to pull their serenades because it is nice and dark.

We know that Dr. Hedley will make an interesting talk because his pictures show him with side whiskers.

Miss Sadie Vere de Vere says that Bill Greenpoole over near Skull mountain, is suing his wife for divorce. Miss Sadie says she thinks the judge will grant Bill a change of menu.

We are proud of our Tramperos correspondent's nom de-plume. Bret Harte didn't have it on "Sucker Flat Shorty" in the matter of selecting names.

The fire department made a record run Thursday but Claggett and his motorcycle and Eklund's Hup or anyone's car cannot be always on the job. A motor truck is the proper conveyance for the fire equipment. In 1910 Clayton was listed in the "town" class but it has long since out-grown its short pants.

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